

Event Results

Cat Mountain Moonlight-O Results -- 7/8/11

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Details

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The moon played a bit of hide and seek with the clouds but those who came appreciated the lack of the solar heater in the sky. Although it didn't rain or even sprinkle, there was water to be found throughout the Tucson Mountains due to previous rains. At the dam on the eastern portion of the map was a waist deep pool but I didn't hear of anyone testing out its waters. Most likely they were in hot pursuit of some of the 25 reflector controls sprinkled throughout the terrain. We had 15 participants of which the strong majority chose to run recreational saving me the task of tallying a score for them. We also had a couple new participants who heard through the grapevine or via the REI navigation seminar. **Art Cantrell** took advantage of the [Friend For Free program](#) to introduce his friend to our sport. This is one of the best ways to introduce someone new to orienteering who would not be likely to try it on their own. We'd like to see it used more often.

Admittedly this was the most challenging night-O to date of our recent series as it was essential to read the contours for many of the controls. The 60 minutes allotted was insufficient for anyone to clean the course as has occurred on all the previous events in this series. Controls were variably pointed from 5 to 20 and I threw in one sucker control close to the start (low points, high energy output) but no one was suckered into it. There were penalty points for returning late and both of the top two finishers were docked 30 points for their tardiness. However, they more than made up for that in helping with control retrieval for which they were awarded a bonus of 10 points per control.

Thanks to those who helped go to **Mark Brosseau** of park service who made the permit process a breeze, **Peg Davis** for getting beginner's on the right track, **GeeGee** for verifying punch cards and scoring and the following for control retrieval: **Ludwig, Brad, Peg, and Walter**. We could have used a few more retrievers to lighten the load but this was a small group. Special thanks to **Helen Deluga** for hanging out at the pass to watch over the stuff while the others of us were retrieving. And thanks to those helping to lug stuff up to the pass, especially to **Ron Miller** who was out to enjoy the evening at the pass and who was not a participant but helped nonetheless in carrying the water jug up the hill.

Don't forget the [next fun event](#) at the University Campus on August 14th. The next night-O will likely be a return to Reid Park on August 26 and then a University Campus night-O on Oct 7. All these events are a perfect introduction to orienteering for beginner level orienteers while still offering a strong challenge to our more seasoned veterans. Thanks to everyone who came out to Cat Mountain. [Special thanks to **John Maier** (a.k.a. Wolfsong) for setting and directing this event. - Editor]

RESULTS	controls	lateness	retrieval	total
Ludwig Hill	215	-30	+80	265
Brad Poe	80	-30	+80	130
Peg Davis	95	0	+30	125
Alan Hart	80	-20	0	60

Recreational

Walter Pickett

GeeGee's Team

Norma Miller

Gary & Linda Schulte

Helen Deluga

Susan Mast

Art Cantrell/John Tennant